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Present Owner and Occupant: Maurice Day, Bristol Road, Damariscotta, Maine.

Present Use: Residence.

Brief Statement of Significance: This house was built in 1798 for Deacon Daniel Day, merchant and shipbuilder.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Daniel Day; Daniel Day, Jr.; Frederick W. Day
2. Date of erection: c. 1798-1799
3. Builder: House built by shipwrights in Day's employ.
4. Notes on alterations and additions: Made by Maurice Day, present owner: powder room and bath; removed chimney in ell; replaced sash and reclaimed interior shutters; shingle (wood) roofing replaced with asphalt.
Made by previous occupants: removal of original sash; replaced floor in stair hall; added vestibule on south.
5. Important old views: Located on c. 1800 map in possession of Harold Castner, Damariscotta.
6. Sources of information: Interview with Harold Castner, Damariscotta; interview with Maurice Day, present owner.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: This is an excellent example of a house built by ship carpenters, unusual paneling and iron pipe frames.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: Two stories; 46'-11-1/2" x 75'-8"; 2-rectangular with rear appendages.
2. Foundations: Brick with granite facing.
3. Wall construction: Wood frame; horizontal lap siding (wood); wood corner boards.
4. Stoops: All granite stoops
5. Chimneys: Two original brick chimneys (stucco applied over); brick chimney removed from original summer kitchen in rear.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Later Greek Revival doorways. West door, eight-panel (two glass); south door, main block, six-panel, wood.
 - b. Windows and shutters: New sash--wood, double hung. First floor, 12 over 12 light; second floor, eight over 12 light; louvered wood shutters.
7. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Main block; Hip roof, asphalt shingle covering. Rear appendages; Gable roof, asphalt shingle covering.
 - b. Cornice: Simple, wood cornice.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: First floor: four rooms, central entry and stair hall, three rooms in appendage. Second floor: Five rooms, central stair hall.
2. Stairways: Single run wood stair, first floor to second.
3. Flooring: Wood boards, 4"-18" wide, unpainted.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Painted plaster ceiling, wall-paper on plaster walls; plain wood wainscot.
5. Doorways and doors: Six-panel wood doors, appear to be original; doorways and trim are original.
6. Trim: Original wood.
7. Hardware: Original throughout.
8. Lighting: Electric.

9. Heating: Original brick fireplaces except in south-west parlor which has closed fireplace and cast iron fire frame.

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D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: Located on Bristol Road; house faces west; situated on medium-sized level lot.

2. Landscaping: Informal.

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